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EDITORIAL

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board in January, 1933, was of greater significance than any annual meeting for the past six years. A president who had endeared herself to all the Board members and who had been faithful and generous in meeting the duties of her office, passed over the gavel to her friend who was to succeed her. Mrs. Childs' "account of her stewardship" noted achievements of the Woman's Board, praiseworthy indeed, during these years of financial stringency. Mrs. Haskell takes up her work earnestly, as a trust bequeathed to her by those gone before.

Another unusual feature of the annual meeting was Mrs. Bass' presentation of a "perpetual memento" which should be to Mrs. Childs an evidence of the value set upon her years of service. In his brief address as presiding officer Mr. Carton called attention to the fact that an especial aid which the Woman's Board can give is to speak for the hospital in the churches which they represent. He also expressed his appreciation of the careful management which had enabled the hospital to close the year without debt.

Of late our attention has been drawn to nurses and the nursing profession. At a recent gathering of the "Joint Com-

mittee on Hourly Nursing" Dr. Hugh Cabot spoke on "The Future of Nursing." He began with the striking sentence "Facts keep no better than fish," which he interpreted as meaning that no sound conclusion of today could be depended upon to remain sound tomorrow or the day after, and that no one could prophesy the future of nursing. He admitted, however, the definite need for trained nursing, and to some of his hearers the fact of that need seemed to assure a future for the profession.

We had an illustration in our February meeting of what an efficient nurse means to a surgeon performing the intricate and delicate operations required in brain surgery. Dr. Adrien Verbrugghen paid high tribute to Miss Fry, one of the endowed nurses, who was assigned to his cases. Indeed he was heard to say that he could hardly have carried through some of his patients without Miss Fry's continuous and extremely intelligent coöperation.

At the March meeting of the Board Mrs. Haskell told of her conversation with a New York surgeon who said:

"I have operated in almost every great hospital in this country and I have seen operations in every great hospital in the world, but I have never seen anywhere such *willing* service as is given by the nurses in the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago."

Such testimonies impress one with a realization of the permanent value of the results that are being attained in our own School of Nursing.

NOTES

It has been announced that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boyd have given \$1,000 to be used for special nursing for patients who cannot afford such service.

We hear that Mr. Alfred T. Carton and Mr. Arthur Cable have given to the School of Nursing fourteen seats for the symphony concerts of the Thursday night series.

JANUARY 8, 1934 ANNUAL MEETING

The fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of the Presbyterian Hospital was held Monday, January 8, at 11:00 o'clock in the hospital chapel, with 135 members present.

Mr. Alfred T. Carton, President of the Board of Managers, presided. He spoke of the gratitude felt by the Men's Board for the many services rendered the hospital by the women and stressed the fact that the Woman's Board is the means of keeping the needs and activities of the hospital before the various churches which it represents.

The annual report of the secretary was read and accepted.

The annual report of the treasurer was read and a motion carried that it be accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Childs gave a resumé of the work of the Board during the six years of her presidency, expressing her appreciation and gratitude to the officers and members. This report will be printed in full in the "Bulletin."

Mrs. Bass brought as a recommendation from the Social Service Committee, that a fund be established to be called the "Edith Newell Child's Social Service Fund" in recognition of her services to the the Board and inherited interest in that department.

Mrs. Childs expressed her appreciation of this action.

Mrs. Frank S. Smith, as chairman of the nominating committee, read that report. The motion was made and carried to accept it and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the following:

Honorary President.....Mrs. David W. Graham

President.....Mrs. Frederick T. Haskell

Vice-Presidents.....Miss Helen V. Drake

Mrs. Wilton B. Martin, Mrs. Ernest E. Irons, Mrs. William R. Tucker.

Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Clyde E. Shorey

Assistant Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Earle B. Fowler

Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. Frederick R. Baird

Treasurer.....Mrs. Edward L. Beatie

Assistant Treasurer.....Mrs. Wilbur E. Post

Executive Committee.....Term expiring 1936:

Mrs. Frank C. Caldwell, Mrs. J. B. Herrick, Mrs. Jacob Mortenson, Mrs. Kingman Douglass, Mrs. Perkins Bass, Jr., Mrs. Alva A. Knight.

Nominating Committee.....Mrs. George L. Swift, Chairman

Mrs. James Maltman, Mrs. John P. Mentzer, Mrs. Edward M. Miller, Mrs. Charles B. Ford.

Advisory Council.....Mrs. Frederick W. Crosby
 Mrs. Ernest A. Hamill, Mrs. Perkins B. Bass, Mrs. Henry M.
 Curtis, Mrs. Albert B. Dick, Mrs. Henry C. Hackney, Mrs. John
 P. Mentzer, Mrs. L. Hamilton McCormick, Mrs. Ezra J.
 Warner.

Mrs. Haskell took the chair and made a speech of acceptance
 that will be printed in the "Bulletin."

The Chairmen of the regular committees, each made their annual
 report, which will be printed.

Mr. Bacon stated that although thirty per cent of the patients
 for 1933 had been given free treatment, the hospital had lived within
 its income. This was due to the co-operation of the faithful employees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH D. SHOREY, *Secretary*.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In order that the treasurer's report for 1933 may not be a long line of dollars and cents, which make dry reading, and because the detailed fiscal report of the Woman's Board appears in the annual report of the hospital, I will give the figures only in round numbers, and will endeavor to group them so that they will be more understandable. Our Board derives its largest income from four sources, which in 1933 yielded the following amounts, namely: dues from Board members, \$340; pledges from Board members, \$2,398; from associate memberships, \$879; from the interested world at large, through what is called the Contributors' Fund, \$1,451.

Annual dues of Board members are \$2.50, the fifty cents of each such payment being devoted to the publication of the Bulletin. One hundred and twenty-nine members paid dues during 1933, so \$64 of the total amount were set aside for the purpose indicated above. Some special gifts added to the \$64 made a total Bulletin fund of \$177. The cost of the two issues was \$350 less the \$177, which reduced the drain on the general fund materially. Individual gifts *not* designated, become part of the general fund. Such gifts amounted to \$110.

Gifts and bond interest brought \$219 for occupational therapy.

Gifts and bond interest amounted to \$585 for social service. As money accumulates in the treasury investment bonds are purchased, the interest from which goes to swell the general fund. In 1933 this interest amounted to \$709. Contributions to the linen fund are also invested in interest-bearing bonds, which, during last year, totaled \$854. Interest received from \$25,000 in bonds, given by the Woman's Board to the endowment fund of the School of Nursing amounted to \$974. Interest on bonds and memorial gifts to ward nurse endowment fund was \$555. Fourth Church, Austin Church and Thomas A. Wells gave for free bed, \$984. From Sunday Schools and memorial gifts for Child's Free Bed fund, \$1,861. To nurses studying for service in the foreign missionary field the Woman's Board has loaned, in amounts of \$5 and \$10, a total of \$325. Up to date these loans have been repaid to the amount of \$283. Tag day receipts netted \$801, which money is applied on salary of the pre-natal nurse. Bonds amounting to \$2,040 were sold, and others purchased at a cost of \$6,190. Cash gifts for delicacies amounted to \$409.

Bond interest for Graham and Cory rooms amounted to \$340. Receipts from opera "La Tosca," given in February, 1933, were

\$3,097, a goodly sum, which finally came to us notwithstanding the uncertainties of the bank moratorium period.

Total receipts for the year were \$22,685.09.

As to disbursements: The Woman's Board pays the salaries of two social service workers, the librarian, two occupational therapy workers and the pre-natal nurse, which amount to \$8,097. Incidental expenses of library, social service and occupational therapy departments amounted to \$658. Ward nurse endowment was \$555 and free bed, \$984. Child's free bed, \$1,861. Interest from bonds paid for chapel music at \$5 per Sunday. Chapel flowers, \$141. Scholarships for the nurses, \$325. Printing, postage, and stationery, \$77. Group insurance, \$92. Dues for Y. W. C. A., tag day, American Hospital Association, rental of safety deposit box, social service exchange, etc., \$70. The Bessie Parsons Stone memorial for Child's free bed, \$228. Mrs. Ernest Hamill's gift for Christmas at the School of Nursing, \$200. To Mr. Bacon for Christmas expenses in the hospital, \$200. To Children's Department, \$150. Bank charge on checks, bank exchange, expenses for different committees, etc., bring the total disbursements to \$21,650.06.

Including a balance in treasury January 1, 1933, of \$3,507, we have in our treasury today, \$1,100, and in the savings account, \$1,022.78.

(Signed) EMMA R. BEATIE, *Treasurer.*

A RESUMÉ OF SIX YEARS AS PRESIDENT

EDITH NEWELL CHILDS

Writing a report of one's tenure of office is somewhat like writing an autobiography, the good points are always stressed and the bad ones glossed over very lightly. Fortunately for me, many of the deficiencies of my presidency can be laid at the door of the unparalleled world-wide depression, a valid enough reason and an almost impossible one to surmount.

In 1928, when I took office, our total receipts were \$35,159.58. In 1931 they mounted to \$42,523.71. Since then they have been steadily dwindling until last year they were \$25,490.90 and this year \$22,685. In spite of this very substantial reduction in our revenue, we have carried on all of our activities and have added some, notably the library work, which until 1929 was done entirely by volunteer service and very creditably done at that, but we felt that the scope of

the work could be materially increased by a professional librarian and so, on September 1, 1929, Miss Selma Lindem came to us in that capacity. In 1930, 23,220 books were circulated, the next year reached over 24,500. Since then it has decreased to 18,642 in 1933, a legitimate decrease and in proportion to the reduced number of patients in the hospital, due again to "the depression." However, the depression may have its good points after all. The hospitals have certainly not been so full—whether that proves that people do not need hospitalization as much as was thought or whether they are going to pay the penalty later for neglected care, time only will tell, but I believe that statistics do show that the general health of the country has been better in these hard years. Miss Lindem has had some volunteer assistance and has had three student librarians for periods of three months at a time working with her for the hospital experience for which the Woman's Board has contributed \$25 a month. After elimination of the unsuitable books by Miss Lindem, our library consisted of 432 volumes. It has now grown to over 4,000, either given, or bought with money supplied by the Woman's Board. In fact, we finance all of the library work as we do that of the Social Service Department.

Miss Isabelle Bering came to us as director August 15, 1930, filling the place of the much-mourned and efficient Miss Jessie Breeze. Miss Bering has two assistants, Miss Jorgenson, the children's worker, and Miss Mahoney, the prenatal nurse, paid for by tag day receipts, when sufficient, and when not, as has recently been the case, supplemented from the Woman's Board general fund. There has been some volunteer work in this department also, one of the most appreciated services being the donating and driving of one's car. Social Service work the country over has grown by leaps and bounds during the depression and our department is no exception, although it always has been a small department, due to our not having any clinic. However, from 792 patients, the numbers have grown to 1,071, but these figures do not show the actual growth in content. We have now what could almost be called our own clinic, since a baby clinic, formerly carried by the Infant Welfare Society, has been taken over by The Central Free Dispensary and is manned by our nurses, assisted by volunteers from the Woman's Board, headed by Mrs. Alva Knight.

Because The Board of Managers did not feel they could continue the salaries of two of Miss Brainerd's assistants in the occupational therapy department, the Woman's Board undertook to pay

them, not in full, but in proportion to the salaries of all hospital employees which have, of necessity, been materially reduced. There have been some volunteer workers in the occupational therapy department also.

In 1926 it was suggested by Mrs. Haskell that instead of collecting and spending annually the money given to the linen committee, that it be set aside and accumulated for a permanent linen fund. We now have to our credit \$20,500 and after \$25,000 has been reached, we expect to use the interest for the purchase of linen. Mrs. McKeand, chairman of the linen committee, has been very active herself and also in getting workers for the surgical dressings in preparing which the members have been asked to help.

For the Child's Free Bed fund we have collected in six years, \$10,000—mostly in pennies or other small denominations as it is done through the Sunday Schools. We now have eight beds, of which two have been named within my time; the Jessie McClure Main Bed, for the untiring chairman of that committee, who worked on it until her death, and the Bessie Parsons Stone Bed, for the first Mrs. John Timothy Stone, who was always especially interested in this work.

The year that I became president, 1928, the School of Nursing was celebrating its silver anniversary and I shall never forget the meeting at which Mrs. Graham blithely made the appalling suggestion that we, the Woman's Board give \$25,000 towards the school endowment fund. That was in the days of what we all thought and hoped was perpetual prosperity, so we gladly undertook it. All went well for a few years, then adversity struck us along with everyone else, and if it had not been for two benefit performances of La Tosca with Jeritza in the title role, that we sponsored in February, 1933, in celebration of the hospital's fiftieth anniversary, we should still be struggling to make our final payments. As it is, we made about \$3,000 on our benefit and our obligation was paid off in full in May, 1933, at The School of Nursing graduation exercises. We have also given to the School of Nursing \$1,000 in class room equipment, besides slides donated by Mrs. Nichols. We have made it possible for several nurses to do post graduate work at Columbia and the University of Chicago. An endowed ward nurse has been given to the hospital through our Board, the Ernest A. Hamill ward nurse, endowed by Mrs. Hamill, who also always gives the nurses' Christmas dinner through our Board. We contribute towards the endowment

of a ward nurse (one of the most important services in the hospital) by appropriating money for that purpose as a memorial to a member instead of sending flowers. We sponsored the Hourly Nursing Service for a year in connection with Central Council for Nursing Education, and after that it was not necessary. I regret to say that the Florence Nightingale Chorus, founded by Mrs. Graham, had to be abandoned last year for economic reasons, as only one class a year is now admitted to the school and there were not enough candidates for the chorus. All of the other committees have carried on valiantly, considering the times—such as the Associate Membership, Bulletin, Chicago Children's Benefit League, Children's Department, Contributors' Fund, Delicacies, Entertainment, Occupational Therapy, Pledge Fund and Furnishings, which has suffered the most because the money has been appropriated for more crying needs. Poor Mrs. Bass, the chairman, has almost cried, herself, with each penny of which her committee has been deprived.

One bright spot has been the soap wrappers which have forged ahead from a low of 5,630 in 1929, to the unprecedented figure in 1933 of 21,930, thereby enabling the purchase by Miss McWilliams, the chairman, of many dozens of flat silver. All collections have been smaller than normally, such as the Contributors' Fund which from a high in 1928 of \$5,380, dropped to \$1,451.50 in 1933. The Pledge Fund, with \$3,896 in 1930, dropped to \$2,348 in 1933; the Associate Membership with \$1,560 in 1928, to \$879 in 1933 and as these are our main source of revenue for the general fund, it is obvious that we must cut our garment to fit the cloth. Two committees have been added: one, a Finance Committee, and the other a Publicity Committee. This latter for the furtherance of information concerning both the hospital and the Woman's Board, and its members are glad and willing to speak at any of the churches when so desired.

Two more items I have to chronicle that took place during my regime; the change of name from The Woman's Auxiliary Board to just the plain Woman's Board and the fact that we put our investments into the custody of the Board of Managers. Mr. Carton told us that it was the proper thing to do and he, being president and a lawyer, we consented, somewhat reluctantly, and we are not quite convinced that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. One thing of which I am really proud and that is that although the membership has been reduced for good and sufficient reasons from 280 to 224, the average attendance at the meetings has advanced from 72 to 94½.

Who the half person is, I really do not know because from my experience with the Board, each member is very definitely a whole person, who has cooperated with me in every particular and has made my presidency a very happy one for me, and which I now relinquish with many pangs of regret. I cannot enumerate each individual who has made my office a pleasant one, but I cannot refrain from mentioning Mrs. Irons, Mrs. Martin and Miss Drake, who have always gladly consented to fill my place when asked, Mrs. Shorey, "the perfect secretary," as she has been called, and rightly so—a real prop on which to lean, Mrs. Fowler, who relieves the president of all responsibility connected with the Year Book and the wording and sending out of the notices of the meetings, both of them arduous tasks. Of Mrs. Beatie it is not necessary for me to speak. You have heard her fine treasurer's reports and they speak for themselves. They involve only figures, to be sure, but somehow Mrs. Beatie makes them interesting. I wish that time would permit of my mentioning the chairman of each committee and that I could thank them individually for their efficient work. Of Mr. Bacon and Miss McMillan, both of whom I have always admired and now feel so much closer to, of the "Big Four," otherwise known as Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Hackney and Mrs. Nichols, they have been my staunchest friends, even though some of them did resign their chairmanships during my time. In speaking of Mrs. Graham, honorary president, I can truthfully say that whatever success I have had as president is due to the fact that I had her to advise me whenever I asked her, which was always, even to the smallest detail, and she cheerfully gave me of her wealth of knowledge and good judgment. How anyone could ever be president without Mrs. Graham back of her is beyond my comprehension. *Long may she live!* I have finished now, and hand my office over to my successor with all of the good wishes in the world to her.

A WORD FROM MRS. BASS

A recommendation from the Social Service Committee is to be presented at this annual meeting and I ask permission to make a few explanations. Whether you be particularly interested in the Linen Committee, Child's Free Bed, Free Ward Nurse, Occupational Therapy or even Furnishing, I believe you all will agree that the great work of the Woman's Board is Social Service. The Woman's Board established it as such and has since financed and managed it, but always under hospital supervision.

Before Social Service was even named a far-sighted woman, of a family of large vision, Mrs. Daniel A. Jones, left an unusual bequest to provide help and comfort for poor and needy patients leaving the hospital to return to homes where conditions were not conducive to further treatment or the ultimate cure of their infirmities. This the hospital dispensed according to her wishes.

However, when our Social Service Department was established someone, presumably Mrs. Graham, dug up from the records and doubtless, also from her memory, this, which was in that day an odd bequest. When the facts were made known to the Board of Managers the income from the legacy was willingly transferred to the new department of Social Service. It was through Mrs. Newell, mother of Mrs. Childs and daughter of Daniel A. Jones, and her financing in that initial year that our Board could undertake this great work for the hospital. Each year in January, following the annual meeting, when appropriations are made for the year's work to the committees operating under money from the general fund, this income from Mrs. Jones' bequest (about \$400) is the nucleus for social service. To that is added from our general fund a sufficient amount to carry on our increasingly useful department. There has been no defined social service fund. The committee believes that if such a fund were established there might be those who would gladly place contributions for this work who, perhaps, might not be inspired to give to general, indefinite hospital activities. Such has been the case in other departments. At this time it is not our idea to hold contributions toward an endowment and use only income, but to collect each year, and appropriate each year, for the expenditures of that year. Casting about for some constructive work for the hospital as an expression of appreciation of a certain service which has been beautiful, quiet, generous and efficient we have hit upon the plan of establishing this fund and naming it the Edith Newell Childs Social Service Fund. As an anti-climax to this thought I am glad to tell Mrs. Childs that a substantial sum has been accumulating since the idea went abroad, and we hope it will grow and become exceedingly helpful to the hospital even as she, herself, has been.

When Mrs. Graham left the honored chair of president to her successor, we looked about for a gift—something which she needed and by which she should remember us. But this president needed no bracelet or watch. When Mrs. Graham's successor left the chair, again the loyal Board members looked for some needed memento which might become an heirloom, for this Board is nothing if not historically

mindful, and if our younger members cannot look backward they must look forward to provide this history. Search revealed the fact that their departing president greatly needed a diamond brooch and here it is, but today's retiring president needs no diamond brooch, so with times as they are, when all who wish to contribute cannot do so, as they would like, we think this perpetual memento may more adequately express our real feeling for the past six years of service. Mrs. Childs wears today our gift of two regal orchids. One, in the parlance of the day—an orchid for her splendid service; the other, an expression of our affection. Mr. Chairman, I bring the recommendation of the Social Service Committee that a fund be established, and named the Edith Newell Childs Social Service Fund, asking that we all second the recommendation and rise to vote its adoption.

Such action was taken, and the fund is established.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT

MRS. FREDERICK T. HASKELL.

When this hospital was organized something over fifty years ago, hospitals were built primarily as institutions for the needy, and as such were part and parcel of the traditions of Christian charity. But this tradition had a vista for its future, namely: to establish scientific research, and to teach.

If human suffering demanded monetary help it needed still more a clear understanding of the *whys* for this suffering. It made delving into the darkest recesses of diseases of mind and body the basic issue, the deeper motive, for human aid. Thus this hospital stands today the crowning glory, the satisfying ambition for our doctors, men of science in many branches, and the learned ones in the art of nursing and tender care, all of whom subordinate their knowledge and their time to the many sided and diverse sorts of human failings and needs.

Fifty years ago the hospital was revolutionary, and it still leads. As Thornton Wilder puts it, "Our Lord asked us not to be as gentle as doves, but as wise as serpents."

"Our hospital," as we affectionately call it, has become a beacon light in the world of medical science, where these great ones gave, and still give, an unremitting and a patient service, that their findings shall be reliable. We have here a discipline of suspended judg-

ment, an elimination of the personal factor, a lighting up of the dark corners of cruel pain, a bearing of the flaming torch of truth by skilled hands, trained minds, generous and understanding hearts. Each generation holds the torch higher and higher, pursuing the problems of human need, with a united purpose of heart and mind.

Money alone will not accomplish the task. Goodwill cannot. But the steadfast and undivided loyalty of these men and women in all departments will win, and that is why I bow low to an organization of such beautiful and perfect attainment. The Woman's Board has taken for its purpose the sweeter side of hospital technique. It has worked shoulder to shoulder in every department where it could serve and give the feminine touch to a masculine efficiency. It, too, has gallantly carried its torch, and that torch, which has been so courageously carried by my six predecessors (only six in fifty years), is being handed to me this day. Every civilizing advance is the materialization of an ideal; every building that means or stands for anything is the temple of a religious symbol, and this hospital is just that for me in this changing world. In this trust that you are committing to me I ask only that you, as a creative Board, shall look upon me as a humble bearer of the torch; you the real leaders, I, your voice. I hope to dedicate myself this coming year as one with you in defense of our Christ'an standards, becoming a part of that which is greater than ourselves.

Edwin Markham puts it thus:

There is a destiny that makes us brothers,

None goes his way alone.

All that we send into the lives of others,

Comes back into our own.

Thus it is that I am taking up, today, the work of our beloved president, Mrs. Childs.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

I wish to spend the very short time allotted to me in expressing thanks not only for this year but for all those that have gone before. To the school committee which has carried on in spite of the illness of the chairman, Mrs. Friedberg, and the absence of Miss Helen Drake; to the Board as a whole we have much to be grateful for; the scholarships and loans, both started in 1910, and carried on continuously since that date, are outstanding contributions, approximately \$4,510 having been given in scholarships and \$10,313 in loans.

The David W. Graham Fund, started in 1924 as a memorial to Dr. Graham has reached \$4,567.50. This fund is for educational needs of the school and under the custodianship of Mr. Bacon, Dr. Irons, and the Head of the School is held strictly for that purpose. An increase of this fund to enable the interest to take care of special lectures on such subjects as first aid, psychology and sociology would be of much value and a relief to the hospital treasury.

Always we have with us the great need of completing the school endowment to meet the heavy nursing expense of the hospital.

M. HELENA McMILLAN, *Superintendent.*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

As a matter of economy we are giving a summary of the annual reports of committee chairmen rather than printing reports entire.

Miss Dunham called attention to the fact that during the years from 1928 to, and including, 1933, the associate membership had contributed \$7,761.98 to the work of the Woman's Board. The largest amount in any one year was \$1,515.50 in 1930. Amount given in 1933 was \$879, and only twenty churches, instead of the usual twenty-seven, continued their associate memberships.

Reporting for the Bulletin: there were but two issues in 1933, the first being double the usual size as it included the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Board. Mrs. Graham's historical article makes that number worthy of preservation.

In speaking for the Child's Free Bed Committee Mrs. W. A. Douglass referred to the founder of the free bed fund, Mrs. Jessie McClure Mains, and her efforts which have borne fruit down the years, as the children in the Sunday Schools continue their support of the "Cheer-up" beds in our hospital through their Easter offerings, their little banks or whatever plan they may use. There are now eight of these beds. An almost startling feature of Mrs. Douglass' report for 1933 was that the total contributions for that year exceeded those for 1932. This increase accrued from the gift of the Bessie Parsons Stone Memorial Fund and a bequest from Mrs. Main's sister, Miss Kate McClure. The entire amount of gifts for the year was \$1,861, which will be added to the invested principal of \$37,000, the interest of which supports the free beds.

Of the Children's Floor Mrs. John W. Bingham, vice chairman of the committee writes:

Since the lives and health of babies and little children are more deeply affected by great social upheavals than that of adults, it is not surprising to find the statistics regarding the Children's Department this year different from that they have been before.

More children per bed have been cared for than formerly. But the patients have remained shorter periods on the average in order to make way for others.

There have been a greater number of extreme cases of sickness and more seriously ill children.

The illnesses have largely grouped themselves into two or three apparent classes, such as feeding adjustments, more prematures, more diabetics, and these conditions have been caused by poverty, exposure, mal-nutrition and neglect, due directly to our economic calamity. With the reduction of the number of nurses throughout the building, there were fewer nurses here too. They found their work much more difficult this year but they also found it more interesting and stimulating because of the unusual and difficult cases. Four mornings a week a clinic has been held by attending pediatricians on the floor.

The morale of the floor has not dropped for an instant and the usual kindly spirit has pervaded it as always. I am sure it has been a haven of brightness for many a little person.

Kind friends have been more generous than ever. No call but has brought ready responses of flowers, books, toys, clothes, candy, food, money for all Holidays and in between days, and there have been several outstanding gifts which we are most happy to mention again.

Mr. Thornhill Broome has continued to send as formerly the Sunday papers and a Saturday evening paper (for the funnies) and several magazine subscriptions, as well as seeing to the regular upkeep of the radio in both wards.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Childs gave the respirator which met a great need on the floor in the care of new born premature infants.

Mrs. James Simpson not only continued to supply Miss Morley with stockings and shirts for all ages of patients for the year but she gave a completely equipped doll house to be *used* and kept

supplied, and has also recently given the latest type electric bottle warmer.

With the money which the Woman's Board gave to Miss Morley last January, she has been able to add much needed articles to her equipment.

We realize that genuine progress has been made in spite of adverse conditions and we look forward with enthusiasm to the days ahead.

Beginning her Tag Day report Mrs. William R. Tucker reminded us that Monday, October 16, 1933, marked the twenty-fifth year of our membership in The Chicago Children's Benefit League, so her workers would have liked to gather \$2,500. Coöperation and organization have much to do with success in collecting, which was clearly demonstrated this year in Lake Forest, where fifty volunteers put forth their best efforts, with returns equal to those of former years, and even a slight increase. Many churches were represented at their assigned stations all day, and our entire territory was covered during the early hours. Total returns amounted to \$806.81.

Mrs. Mentzer and Mrs. Olmsted presented a list of delicacies which have doubtless coaxed the appetites of many sufferers: 5,658 glasses of jelly, 103 quarts of grape juice, 168 pints of preserves, 55 pints of fruit, 48 pints of canned vegetables and fruit, 2 quarts of honey, 2 pounds of apple butter, 1 tin of biscuit. \$409.50 for fresh fruit. Thirty-eight churches and ten of the wives of the staff responded to the call.

Mrs. Pollock, chairman of the entertainment committee, told of five programs planned and presented during the year 1933. Very little imagination tells us what these diversions mean to patients able to enjoy them. Mrs. Pollock also expressed her gratitude to members of the committee and to the hospital corps, from the superintendent to the elevator boys, for their willing assistance.

The collection of 21,930 American Family Soap wrappers in 1933 sets a goal that will require real effort to equal in 1934, nevertheless they mean so much when translated into hospital silver that Miss McWilliams begs us not to forget them. Incidentally, the *coupons* on the boxes of American Family Flakes are equally valuable with the wrappers. Miss McWilliams also reports 8,971 pieces of sewing done for the hospital by women in thirty-three churches. Is your Woman's Society having a part in this endeavor?

"The report of the pledge fund for 1933," writes Mrs. Warner, "is not as disappointing as your chairman feared it might be. It is not surprising that we are about \$650 below last year owing to the fact that twenty-one former contributors felt unable to send anything, and three we lost through death. Many others were obliged to cut their donations considerably. In spite of all these losses which were to be expected with conditions as they were this past year, seventy-two members of the Board and two church auxiliary societies have contributed \$2,398 to the pledge fund."

When the permanent linen fund was started some years ago under the leadership of Mrs. Henry C. Hackney its goal was \$25,000. Notwithstanding the recent "lean years" the fund has continued to grow. Mrs. McKeand, the present chairman, reports new gifts from the churches and individuals amounting to \$684.51. This sum plus the interest for 1933, \$854.99, makes a total addition of \$1,539.50. The grand total in the permanent fund is now \$22,039.50.

Mrs. Irons, as chairman, spoke a word for the publicity committee, new in 1933, promising that its members would be happy to give information concerning the Presbyterian Hospital, anywhere that it might be desired.

Mrs. Knight writes of the infant welfare work: "The Woman's Board has played an important part in the success of the Rush Infant Welfare Clinic during the past year. Three clinics have been held each week with an average of twenty-five patients cared for at each clinic. Two representatives from the Board have been present at each of these clinics to assist in weighing babies and charting the medical histories."

In addition to this help 211 garments have been donated and distributed, also miscellaneous gifts such as some shoes and stockings, five baby blankets, one baby scale, etc. Miss Brainerd spoke gratefully of what she called "the marvelous coöperation" which she had received from the Board members. "No refusals in eight years." Miss Lindem reports 4,009 books in the library, which have had a circulation of 18,642 during the past year.

FREE BEDS AND MEMBERS

A donation of \$50,000 entitles the donor to name a twelve-bed ward, which shall remain as a perpetual memorial to the donor, or any other individual he wishes.

A donation of \$20,000 carries the same privileges for a four or six-bed ward.

A donation of \$10,000 entitles the donor to designate a room in the Private Pavilion which shall be named as desired by the donor and remain as a perpetual memorial.

A donation of \$7,500 designates a bed in perpetuity.

A donation of \$5,000 designates a bed in the Children's Ward in perpetuity.

A donation of \$300 annually designates a free bed in the general wards.

A donation of \$100 or more constitutes the donor a life member of the institution.

A yearly donation of \$10 constitutes an annual member.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago, incorporated under the law of the State of Illinois, the sum ofDollars, to be applied to the use and benefit of the said hospital, under the direction of the managers thereof.

FORM OF DEVISE

I give and devise to the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago, incorporated under the law of the State of Illinois, all that, etc. [*describe the property*], to be had and holden to the said the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago, and their successors and assigns, for the use and benefit of the said hospital.

In Memoriam

MRS. CHARLES L. BARTLETT

"Remember, O Lord, thou God of spirits and of all flesh, all thy faithful people departed this life. Do thou thyself give them rest there in the land of the living, in thy Kingdom, from whence pain and sorrow and sighing have fled away, where the light of thy countenance visiteth them and always shineth upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

ALUMNAE NOTES

1907

Mrs. Leonard S. Waldman, nee Eleanor Zuppmann, visited the hospital early in January. Mrs. Waldman and her husband live in Albany, New York, but are spending the winter in southern California.

1908

Peninah K. Jones is a patient in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, convalescing from pneumonia.

Julia Chubbick sends greetings from San Diego, California, where she is engaged in school nursing.

1915

Lola Madden writes from Dallas, Texas, where she is doing Infant Welfare work. The work in Dallas, seems to be very much like that in Chicago.

1921

Mrs. Anna Rauch MacKenzie has been pioneering with her husband and family on their 2,000 acre farm in South Rhodesia, Africa. For some time they lived in a grass hut, doing all their cooking under the open sky, but recently they have constructed a small house of home-made bricks, on a beautiful site surrounded by trees near running water. Mr. MacKenzie keeps the family supplied with wild deer meat. Leopards, monkeys and baboons are about them always. Rainfall is plentiful and vegetation is luxuriant.

1922

Gwynaeth Porter, Superintendent of Nurses in a hospital in Taxilla, North India, is spending her furlough in the United States. After a few weeks' rest at her home she plans to attend the University of Chicago and take work toward a Masters degree.

A letter from Mrs. Helen W. Munson, Assistant Editor of American Journal of Nursing, states that she expects to be in Chicago, February 12 and 13, to attend the meetings of the Council on Medical Education of Licensure, and hopes to see some of her Presbyterian Hospital friends at the luncheon of the Central Council for Nursing Education on February 13.

1923

Dorotha Jackson is in the School Division of the Department of Health of Detroit, Michigan. She received her B. S. degree, from Ann Arbor last year.

1925

Grace M. Coffman has been appointed Assistant Director of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. Miss Coffman has had long and varied experience in Public Health Nursing.

1926

Myrtle Walters of Los Angeles, California, recently visited friends in Chicago. She related many interesting incidents concerning the screen celebrities that she had cared for in Hollywood.

1927

Elizabeth Greer, has resigned her position in New York to return to Chicago.

1928

Seasons greetings were received from Ruth E. Burr, who is located in the Government Hospital at Dulce, New Mexico. She is enjoying her work with the Apaches and living in the wide open spaces.

Cornelia Mokma has been transferred from the Government Hospital at Dulce, to the Sanitarium there. This is quite a promotion.

1929

Margaret D. Morgan is recuperating from her recent illness at the home of her brother, Dr. E. C. Morgan, at Clay Center, Kansas. She is very much improved and the doctor promises that she will soon be able to return to work.

1930

Laura E. Weyrick is with the Cleveland V. N. A., and is taking a Public Health course at Western Reserve.

Myrtle Vander Meulen is with the Detroit V. N. A., and is taking a Public Health course at Detroit City Hospital.

Alice Roller is taking a postgraduate course in Pediatrics at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Chicago. The length of the course is one year, and the experience is obtained in the wards at St. Vincents Orphanage. The graduate nurses are placed on the floors as head nurses, and given experience in the administration of pediatric wards. She will also attend De Paul University majoring in Pediatrics.

Cleo Cheney writes from her home in Richwood, Ohio, that her health is improving. Dr. Dick assured her last fall that she would

make a complete recovery, but it will be some time before she is able to resume her work. A carbon arc lamp is supplying her with the ultra-violet rays through the winter months.

1931

Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Eisele, nee Blanche Kennell, have recently returned from New Orleans. Dr. Eisele is associated at the University of Chicago Clinics, and Mrs. Eisele is on the graduate staff of the Presbyterian Hospital.

1931

Mr. and Mrs. Tage Pearson, nee Virginia Code, visited friends in Chicago, enroute to their home after a Christmas visit with her parents in Minnesota.

Helen Marian Hansen of Chicago Infant Welfare Society spent her vacation in December with Mary Catherine Davidson at her home in Florida. Miss Davidson who is employed at the Cornell Clinics in New York enjoyed her vacation at that time.

Dorothy Rice began her new work at Childrens Memorial Hospital in January. She was at Cornell Clinics in New York for some time, following her post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins.

Esther Gatzke is with the Greenwich Hospital Association in Greenwich, Connecticut.

1932

B. Irene Welsh enjoyed the holidays in Hollywood and Pasadena, California, where she has been doing special duty.

1933

Jessie Waddell and Helen Sonsteli have CWA positions in Chicago. Miss Sonsteli teaching Red Cross classes and Miss Waddell Welfare Society.

MARRIAGES

Sylvia Kirk, 1931, to Mr. Eugene Halaas, Monday, December 25, 1933.

Helen Walker, 1931, to Mr. Harry Blashek, December 6, 1933.

Marion Taylor, 1927, to Mr. Chauncey McClain, Monday, January 1, 1934. At home, 443 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The next Alumnae News Letter will be published in March. Kindly send any item of interest to the Alumnae members to Alice L. Spellman, 1750 West Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois.

